

IN THE CLAIMS:

These claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the present application.

Claims 1-13 are canceled.

14. (New) A micromotor for indicator hand device including a case inside which are housed motor means and means provided for transmitting the movement from said motor means to a drive shaft with an axis X1 capable of driving an indicator hand, said case including a first face including an aperture making said drive shaft accessible and a second face opposite said first face, the distance separating said first face from said second face defining a maximum thickness E1 of said case, said first and second faces being connected to each other by at least one lateral face, wherein said case has an area of thickness E2 that is smaller than said maximum thickness E1 so as to define an open recess in said second face, said recess also being open on said lateral face.

15. (New) The micromotor according to claim 14, wherein said recess is arranged in an area of said second face at least partly located opposite said drive shaft.

16. (New) The micromotor according to claim 14, wherein said drive shaft is hollow, said second face of the case including an aperture arranged substantially opposite said axis X1 of the hollow shaft.

17. (New) The micromotor according to claim 16, wherein the micromotor further includes a support arranged in the area of said aperture for receiving a light source, the total thickness of the case and said light source support being less than or equal to the maximum thickness E1 of the case.

18. (New) The micromotor according to claim 17, wherein said case includes a bottom defining said second face and closed by a cover, said cover defining said first face, the bottom having at least one setback forming said recess.

19. (New) The micromotor according to claim 14, wherein the areas of said case have a thickness substantially equal to said maximum thickness E1 correspond to a first volume area of the interior of the case in which said motor means are arranged, whereas the area of the case located substantially opposite said recess corresponds to a second volume area of the interior of the case in which said drive shaft is arranged.

20. (New) The micromotor according to claim 14, wherein said second face of the case includes at least one foot for positioning and/or securing the case on a support.

21. (New) The micromotor according to claim 16, further including mechanical means allowing said hand to be disassembled a plurality of times from the shaft without either of the latter elements undergoing damage rendering said elements unfit for use.

22. (New) The micromotor according to claim 21, said mechanical means being arranged in particular in said hollow shaft which has a section, in a substantially perpendicular plane to said axis X1, in the form of an n-sided polygon, n being greater than or equal to 3, said stem of the hand being cylindrical.

23. (New) The micromotor according to claim 21, said mechanical means including in particular a ring secured to said index of said hand, said ring being arranged concentrically

around the base of said index of the hand and having a substantially greater diameter than the external diameter of said shaft.

24. (New) An indicator device for an instrument panel including a micromotor according to claim 1, mounted on a printed circuit board.

25. (New) The indicator device according to claim 24, when said micromotor is mounted on said printed circuit board by the second face thereof, wherein at least one component is arranged on said printed circuit board while being at least partially arranged in said recess.

26. (New) The indicator device according to claim 25, when said drive shaft is hollow, wherein said component includes a light source, the indicator device further including an indicator hand including a transparent stem, the later being housed in said drive shaft.